

Application Guidelines for Wildfire Funding

**This is intended as a basic guide. Additional application guidelines will follow in the next few months.*

Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Applicants Must:

- Be able to establish Primary Residency within Bastrop County at the time of the disaster.
- Have a household income not exceeding 100% of the Area Median Family Income (AMFI); however, LMI households at 80% AMFI or below will be prioritized and assisted first as long as the household meets all other requirements. (See income chart below.)

INCOME LIMITS

AMFI %	Number of Household Members							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
80	\$ 42,500	\$ 48,600	\$ 54,650	\$ 60,700	\$ 65,600	\$ 70,450	\$ 75,300	\$ 80,150
100	\$ 53,200	\$ 60,800	\$ 68,400	\$ 75,900	\$ 82,000	\$ 88,100	\$ 94,200	\$ 100,200

- Be able to certify wildfire related damage.
- Be able to establish Primary Residency at a dwelling damaged by the wildfire disaster.
- Be able to certify ownership of the damaged property at the time of the event.
- Be able to verify current child support status or a payment plan on all adult (18 years of age and older) household members required to pay child support.
- Be able to verify current property tax status or payment plan.
- To avoid a duplication of benefits, the wildfire housing award may be reduced by the amount of funds paid or to be paid to the household from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants, Small Business Administration (SBA) loans identified by SBA, and any homeowner insurance proceeds for structural damage. The deduction may be reduced for documented eligible uses of such funds. Examples of eligible activities with those funds could be documented structural repairs made by the homeowner or temporary housing costs.

Down Payment Assistance Program

Applicants Must:

- Have a household income not exceeding 100% of the AMFI (see income chart above); however LMI households at 80% AMFI or below will be prioritized and assisted first as long as the household meets all other requirements for assistance;
- Be able to establish Primary Residency within Bastrop County at the time of the event; and
- Be able to verify current child support status or a payment plan on all adult (18 years of age and older) household members.

Non-Housing (Bastrop County)

Bastrop County has been allocated a direct award of up to \$4.7 million for repair, replacement or relocation of damaged public facilities. The County will provide an application for these funds.

Non-Housing (Remainder of Allocation)

- Must be in a disaster declared county under DR-4029-TX
http://gis.fema.gov/maps/dec_4029.pdf.
- Eligible activities include: repair, replacement or relocation of damaged public facilities and economic development

- This competitive application cycle will be funded with \$5.9 million in recovery funds. Minimum awards will be \$200,000 and will not exceed \$1 million per applicant.
- Non-Housing awards will be competitive based on a scoring methodology in Appendix C of the Action Plan based on the following criteria:
 - Per capita damage during the DR-4029-TX disaster;
 - LMI component;
 - Unemployed/Economic Health; and
 - Recurrence of Wildfire Damage (how often is the community significantly affected by wildfire and what is their rate of recovery for each season?).
 - **Tie-Breaker:** Poverty rate of applicant.